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SUBJECT: NEW YORK TIMES REPORT OF SECRET AGREEMENT DENIED

1. NEW YORK TIMES REPORT OF OCTOBER 27 THAT SECRET VERBAL AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN US AND JAPAN IN 1960 PERMITTING TRANSIT OF NUCLEAR-ARMED VESSELS AND AIRCRAFT WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATION WAS TOP NEWS ITEM ON JAPANESE RADIO AND TV EVENING OF OCTOBER 27 AND CARRIED IN MOST JAPANESE AND ENGLISH DAILIES ON OCTOBER 28.

2. JAPANESE AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE PRESS OCTOBER 28 ALSO CARRIED CATEGORICAL DENIALS BY FOREIGN SOURCES AND FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER AICHI, IN ADDITION TO DENIAL FROM FORMER AMBASSADOR MACARTHUR IN BRUSSELS AND DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN IN WASHINGTON. ACCORDING TO ASHAI, FUJIYAMA ALSO STATED QTE IT WOULD BE STRANGE IF US HAD SOME SORT OF DOCUMENT RELATING TO SUCH A VERBAL AGREEMENT AND JAPAN DID NOT. I DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHY AMERICANS PERSIST IN PUTTING OUT THIS THEORY OF A SECRET AGREEMENT. IT IS MY OWN SPECULATION BUT PERHAPS IT IS PENTAGON CIRCLES WHICH ARE PUTTING OUT SUCH THINGS TO COVER UP SOMETHING UNQTE.

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